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NEWS RELEASE

Colorado Gov. Roy Romer and U.S. Rep. David Skaggs, D-Colorado, Monday announced the appointment of a Rocky Flats Environmental Monitoring Council.

The council replaces the Rocky Flats Monitoring Committee first appointed by the then Gov. Dick Lamm and former U.S. Rep. Tim Wirth.

Romer said, "The members of the council will serve an important function as a communication and observation link that we believe is vital and must be continued.

"This group will provide regular reports and recommendations to Rep. Skaggs and myself on actions that should be taken to protect the environment and the public safety and health in connection with the operation of the Rocky Flats plant. That is essential information."

Skaggs said, "What happens at Rocky Flats affects our environment, our economy and each of us individually. The people who've agreed to serve on the council have an important responsibility. They will be the eyes and ears and voice of the public - monitoring the plant as it works to improve its environmental procedures and to clean up the Rocky Flats site."

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The chairman of the new council will be Jim Wilson of Longmont. Wilson is a management and natural resources consultant who recently retired after serving 16 years as president and chief executive officer for Rocky Mountain Energy in Broomfield.

Other members are:

-Philip L. Bailey of Aurora, a sales representative with Duda's Chemicals who has been active in hazardous materials transportation issues.

-Ted Borst of Loveland, the nuclear training manager for Public Service Co. at the Fort St. Vrain plant.

-George A. Fedoronko of Arvada, who has been a member of the Arvada City Council since 1981 and currently is serving as mayor pro-tem. Fedoronko is employed as the director of telecommunications for the Denver Department of Health and Hospitals.

-Beverly Honey of Westminster, the president of the United Bank of Northglenn.

-Walter Jessel of Boulder, an environmental activist.

-Melinda Kassen of Boulder, a staff attorney for the Environmental Defense Fund's Rocky Mountain Office in Boulder.

-Neils Schonbeck, Boulder, a chemistry professor at Metropolitan State College and a visiting scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder.

-Chuck Stevinson of Jefferson County who is president of Stevinson holdings, which include automobile dealerships and real estate. Stevinson has been active in various civic affairs.

-Ted J. Tegeler, a Rocky Flats employee who is the president of the United Steelworkers Local 8031 which represents Rocky Flats employees.

-State Rep. Sam Williams of Breckenridge who is a real estate broker and co-owner of International Traders Real Estate and Property Management in Breckenridge.

In the executive order in which the council was created, members were directed "to monitor the effects of Rocky Flats plant operations on the public health, safety and the environment, including reviewing risk assessments pertinent to environmental and operational activities of the plant.

The council also was given responsibility for disseminating accurate and objective information to the public about the "effectiveness of Rocky Flat's environmental, health and safety protection activities and waste management programs."

In another directive the council was instructed "to promote communications among the public, state and federal agencies and Rockwell International on the operation of Rocky Flats."

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